

**249B.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Community spouse*” means an individual who has not resided or is not likely to reside in a hospital or a health care facility for more than twenty-nine consecutive days and is married to an institutionalized spouse.

2. “*Community spouse resource allowance*” means a resource amount established for a community spouse pursuant to state policy adopted in accordance with the federal Social Security Act, section 1924(f)(2), as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-5(f)(2).

3. “*Court order*” means a judgment or order of a court of this state or another state requiring the payment of a set or determinable amount of monetary support.

4. “*Department*” means the department of human services.

5. “*Institutionalized spouse*” means a married individual who has resided or is likely to reside in a hospital or a health care facility for more than twenty-nine consecutive days.

6. “*Medical assistance*” means “*medical assistance*”, “*additional medical assistance*”, “*discretionary medical assistance*” or “*medicare cost sharing*” as defined in [section 249A.2](#) which is provided to an individual pursuant to [chapter 249A](#) and Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

7. “*Minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance*” or “*minimum allowance*” means the minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance established for the community spouse in accordance with Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, section 1924(d)(3), as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 1396r-5(d)(3).

90 Acts, ch 1098, §1; 91 Acts, ch 158, §9